

What is claimed is:

1. A collapsible animal container, comprising:
  - (a) a flexible material housing comprising a top wall, a bottom wall, a pair of end walls, and a pair of sidewalls;
  - (b) a pair of support members in the housing, with each support member positioned adjacent an opposing wall of the housing, and each support member having a peripheral shape substantially corresponding to the opposing walls of the housing against which each support member is positioned; and
  - (c) at least one strut secured between the support members to maintain the opposing support members in a separated position and to support the housing.
2. A flexible collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, with the support member comprising a rigid panel.
3. A flexible collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, with the support member comprising a peripheral frame.
4. A flexible collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, further comprising a door in at least one of the end walls and the sidewalls.
5. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 2, with the door comprising a mesh material.
6. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, further comprising at least one window in at least one of the sidewalls and the end walls.
7. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 6, with the at least one window comprising a mesh material.
8. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, wherein the rigid panels are integral with the housing.

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9. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, the sidewalls comprising the pair of rigid panels.

10. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, the end walls comprising the pair of rigid panels.

11. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, the top wall and the bottom wall comprising the pair of rigid panels.

12. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, further comprising at least one of the sidewalls and the bottom walls are acutely angled to the bottom wall.

13. A flexible collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, with the at least one strut comprising a rod having end caps secured to each end of the rod.

14. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 13, the rod comprising a telescoping rod.

15. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 13, with the at least one end cap comprising a telescoping end cap.

16. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 13, at least one end cap comprising a extendable threaded end cap.

17. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, the at least one strut comprising a rod having end cap secured to the rod at a first end of the rod and a hinge secured to the rod at a second end of the rod, the hinge attached to at least one of a rigid panel and a wall to allow the rod to pivot.

18. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 17, the end cap comprising a telescoping end cap.

19. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 17, the end cap comprising a extendable threaded end cap.

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20. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, further comprising at least one strut brace secured to the housing to secure the strut.

21. A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 20, the strut brace comprising a peelable fastener.

22. A collapsible animal container, comprising  
a means for housing an animal;  
a means for supporting the means for housing; and  
a means for separating the means for supporting.

23. A method for transporting an animal, comprising the steps of:  
providing a collapsible animal container, comprising a flexible material housing comprising a floor, a ceiling and opposing sidewalls with a closable opening for access in at least one of the sidewalls, a pair of rigid panels within the housing, the rigid panels being collapsible toward one another, and at least one struts between the rigid panels supporting the housing;  
placing the flexible collapsible animal container within a vehicle; and  
placing an animal within the flexible collapsible animal container.

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